

Re: MRS. GIBSON and BATTLE

Operative went to Newark and to 87 Watson Ave. and made inquiries for a Mrs. Allen. Was informed that Mrs. Allen had moved to Belleville, address unknown, but it was suggested that if I went to Ridgewood Ave. I might be able to find her mother and father who lived on that street.

Operative proceeded to Ridgewood Ave. and after making numerous inquiries located Mr. D.D. Gibbens living at 296 Ridgewood Ave., but there was no one at home. Operative remained around the house until 5 P.M. but no one appeared at that house.

Operative then proceeded to Patterson, N.J. where I had an appointment with Mrs. Mernier at her daughter's house at 7 P.M. and met her there. Mrs. Mernier then told me that when she and her daughter Mrs. Battle were living in Millstone Mr. Battle got out of bed one morning and took the baby away with him and they did not know where he went.

About two weeks later Mrs. Battle received a telegram from Mr. Battle stating that they were going to bury the child. The telegram was signed "Gibson Farm." Mrs. Mernier stated that she and her daughter then went to the Gibson farm and demanded the child, but Mrs. Gibson would not let them have it and they returned to Millstone. That she then left Mrs. Battle in Millstone and went to live on Remson Ave. with her husband. About a week later she went to see her daughter to find out how she was getting along, when Mr. Battle walked into the house and started to choke her. She then got a Mr. Bennett and had Mr. Battle arrested. Mrs. Mernier then took her daughter to her home on Remson Ave., but Mr. Mernier would not let Mrs. Battle remain there.

Shortly after that Mrs. Mernier received a letter from Mrs. Battle, stating that Mrs. Gibson had called at her house several times and asked how the children were. Mrs. Battle and Mrs. Mernier were both unable to tell how they got the child back, neither could they tell the address of the house where Mrs. Battle lived at that time.

Operative asked Mrs. Mernier if her husband had ever been to the Gibson Farm and she said that he went over there on and off, but never stayed there. Operative remained with these women until 10:45 P.M. but could not get any definite information from them, as they were contradicting each other and disagreeing, one saying one thing and the other saying another.

Respectfully submitted:
C.M.